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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
1060 BROAD STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Four hundred and sixty-nine WPA workers began the second and easiest half of Bergen County's most extensive WPA project today in New Milford, where the laying of the 4,000th foot of a new 18-inch trunk line this morning marked the completion of the first half of a \$162,539 all-Borough sewer system.

September has been set as a tentative date for the completion of the entire project which will offer New Milford, a Borough of 2,500 persons, its first sewer system and disposal plant.

Engineers in New Milford reported today that 26,000 feet of 8-inch pipe has been laid; 1,900 feet of 15-inch pipe; and 4,000 feet of 18-inch pipe. Seventy new manholes have been installed and 114 cubic yards of concrete poured.

The project embraces the laying of 65,000 feet of sewer main and the laying of 10,000 feet of 6-inch house connection pipes, which will offer disposal service to almost 700 houses in the Borough.

The installation of a sewage treatment and disposal plant will fill the town's needs until 1945, Borough officials, working in conjunction with WPA engineers, estimated. The 18-inch trunk line parallels the Hackensack River on private right of way.

Beginning of the new system has already extricated the town from a conflict with the State Board of Health. The State Board had directed Mayor George Mack and the Council to install a sanitary system or else bear the penalty of fine.

The State Board's edict was hanging fire when the WPA began. The Town Fathers' reply to the order was the filing of an application for the project, which was approved. The Borough was asked to pay \$60,554 against the Federal allotment of \$201,984.

Mayor Mack at the time the project began, February 15th, said that the Borough would have been fined had WPA assistance not been available. He told State WPA Administrator William H. J. Ely that the Borough's bonded indebtedness stood at 7 per cent of its assessed valuations, the legal limit, and could not be exceeded to finance a sewer system.

Main lines have already been laid through Graphic Boulevard, Madison Avenue, Ricer Road and Henly Avenue, with lateral feeder lines still to be laid on branch streets. Nearly all the 18-inch and 15-inch lines have been laid, and the north end of the town completed.

Immediately following completion of installation of the pipe lines in August work will begin on the sewage treatment and disposal plant in the Southwestern section of the town, adjacent to River Road, between Henry Avenue and Columbia Street near Hackensack River.

The plant's treatment chamber will have facilities for handling 400,000 gallons of sewage daily.

Although New Milford is only 15 miles from New York City its sewer facilities have never progressed beyond the cesspool and empty-into-the-brook stage.

It was because of this latter practice that the State Health Board exercised its powers and ordered the immediate installation of

a sanitary system. A heavy fine was promised as a reward of disobedience to the order.

Mayor Mack reported to Administrator Ely that the town had never had a sanitary sewer system. He said that few residents piped sewage lines from their homes to nearby brooks, and that others used cesspools.

These cesspools are nothing more than rock-lined wells, Mayor Mack said, having no outlet. Sewage is drained into the wells until they are full. They are then covered and new ones dug.

"There are some properties in this community", Mack said, "that are pitted with cesspools, the oldest of which have been here 30 years or longer. There are families whose yards are so full of these wells that there is no room for new ones."

Specifications in the Borough application to the WPA called for mains through several of the principal thoroughfares, feeder lines from branch streets, a pumping station at Cleveland Street near the Hackensack River, which will also be a terminal for the trunk line, and the disposal plant in the Southwestern section of the Borough.

More than 300 manholes will be sunk. Sinking of manholes is the last part of the work tackled during the construction. The seventieth one was completed today

More than \$177,700 of the total cost of the project has been allocated for labor. Four hundred and ten unskilled workers, 47 intermediate, 11 skilled and one professional technician are employed.

Many of the ditches for the 18-inch main had to be dug 12 feet deep. Several were dug as deep as 16 feet.

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VERONA. May 1. -- Resurfacing of 49 streets was begun here today by WPA workers, while in another section of the Borough ten WPA painters had begun work on weather-worn Essex Mountain Sanatorium.

The resurfacing project is sponsored by the Borough Council, which will contribute \$33,056 to Federal funds of \$74,694. Work will include the resurfacing of streets with penetration macadam to prevent further deterioration.

More than 54,000 square yards of 2-inch penetration macadam will be poured; 5,000 square yards of 6-inch penetration macadam, and the excavation of more than 4,900 cubic yards of dirt and old pavement.

A crew of 15 started work today. Sixty-five more will be added during the early stages of the project, officials said.

Approximately 450,000 square feet of interior and exterior walls will be scraped and repainted at the sanatorium. Laborers will be hired in addition to the ten painters to complete the scraping and to wash down dirty walls.

The project, sponsored by the Essex County Board of Freeholders, was termed absolutely necessary by officials who declared closer sanitation is needed in the treatment of tubercular patients at the institution.

Officials said it has been several years since the wards and parts of the building had been painted. The Freeholders contributed \$4,809, and the Federal allotment totaled \$14,160.

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All metal trim, ward walls, cornices, and metal doors will be repainted.

The streets to be resurfaced are: Upland Way, Stocker Road, Oakridge Road, Mountain Road, Chestnut Road, Harrison Avenue, Forest Avenue, Pease Avenue, South Prospect Street, Montrose Avenue, Lakeview Avenue, Park Avenue, Mountainview Road, Sunset Avenue, Brookdale Avenue, Summit Road, Glen Road, Gordon Place, Afterglow Avenue, Afterglow Way, Belleclaire Place, Sunny-side Place, Orchard Street, Rockland Terrace, Reid Place, Gould Street, Linden Avenue, Franklin Street, Durrell Street, Valley View Road, Cumberland Avenue, Edgemere Road, Woodland Avenue, Wildwood Terrace, Malvern Place, Hillcrest Terrace, Otsego Road, Lanning Avenue, Elmwood Road, Cliff Street, Beach Road, Highland Terrace, Montclair Avenue, Martin Road, Cambridge Road, Nassau Road, Witherspoon Road, Westover Road and Crestmont Road.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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NEWARK. May 4. -- Advance men for 13 WPA-sponsored theatre project companies in New Jersey today were free to blow their own horns with all the gusto of a one-town-ahead-of-the-circus postorman.

With the ban against self-advertising of Federal Theatre Project performances lifted and new and more elastic interpretations placed on rules governing contracts and sponsorship, the 13 troupes began a new spring season of barnstorming and one-night stands.

Knocking about the Garden State during a cold hard winter and filling houses without the aid of one line of newspaper advertising was a job,---a series of jobs. But with the ban lifted, directors of the 13 companies looked forward to playing to packed houses at each stop.

This and other special rulings from Washington has resulted in simplification of complexities which had before governed the conduct and activities of the project units.

William P. Farnsworth, Administrative Officer of the Federal Theatre Project, in telegraphic report to Miss Helen Schoeni, special representative for New Jersey, said:

"Corrington Gills, Assistant Administrator, has issued the following: 'It has been determined that admission funds might be expended by agent-cashiers for advertising. This will eliminate necessity of cancelling rental agreements and negotiating new agreements, requiring the rentor to supply advertising. Must be understood that only admission funds might be expended for this purpose'."

According to the most recent bulletin announcing the fact that admissions may be charged for performances and exhibitions of work projects operating under the Works Progress Administration,

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performances may be given on an agreed percentage basis under the auspices of a non-profit making organization in any community. The only stipulation is that this sponsoring group shall use its portion of the proceeds for a charitable fund.

This ruling permits performances of Federal Theatre Projects under the sponsorship of Elks Clubs, Woman's Clubs, American Legion Posts and similar organizations, who will turn over their share of the admissions to a milk fund, crippled children's fund or scholarship fund.

The sponsor in conference with a company advance man will agree on ticket prices. According to precedent these vary between 10 and 40 cents, depending on the neighborhood of the performance. However, in some sections sponsors insist on a range of anywhere between 40 cents and \$1.00. For all tickets sold over 40 cents, however, a federal tax of 10 per cent must be paid.

The companies are also allowed to make contracts with theatre managers wherever theatres can be hired at the lowest possible minimum. This is usually done on a percentage split basis in favor of the project. However, in other instances arrangements are made whereby the company will pay a flat rate for the theatre either for one performance or for a prolonged stay.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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NEWARK. May 5. -- WPA crews began repairing school property sidewalks in East Orange today.

The project provides that old bluestone and cement sidewalks be replaced by new four-inch monolithic concrete walks.

Schools involved:

The High School, 34 N. Walnut Street; Junior High School, 157 Elmwood Avenue; Columbian School, 420 North Grove Street; Nas-sau School, 330 Central Avenue; Stockton School, 98 Greenwood Avenue; Washington School, 175 Sanford Street, and the Renshaw Avenue school property on North Clinton Street.

The old sidewalks are badly broken.

The Federal funds appropriated for the project are \$2,943 and the contribution by the sponsor, the East Orange Board of Education, is \$1,447.35.

A crew of 20 men will be employed in the work.

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NEWARK. May 5. -- The WPA sponsored Essex County Opera Company will present a program this evening at Clinton Manor, 104 Clinton Avenue, at 8:15.

Program:

Overture, Beautiful Galatea, Suppe; opening ensemble, The Viking Song, Coleridge-Taylor; soprano solo, Flower Song from Faust, Gounod; mixed quartette and ensemble, The Rosary, Nevins; mixed quartette and ensemble, Madrigal from The Mikado, Gilbert and Sullivan; chorus, Carmena, Wilson; baritone solo, Song of Brown October Ale from Robin Hood, DeKoven, and entire company, My Hero from Chocolate Soldier, Strauss.

Intermission:

Ensemble, Land Sighting, Greig; orchestra, Intermezzo from Cavaleria Rusticana, Mascheni; ensemble, Spring Bursts Today, Thompson; vocal duet, Youth in Love from Lakme, Delibes; male chorus, Clarions of War from Il Trovatore, Verdi; soprano solo, Love in Springtime, Arditì and the Sextette from Lucia, Donizetti.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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HADDON TOWNSHIP. May 5. -- The WPA utility map neared completion today, erasing, slowly, a headache Township Clerk Richard Griffith has had for 25 years.

For 25 years Griffith has been Township Clerk. For 25 years he has granted all permits for drainage construction. For 25 years he has been responsible for the 25 years of drainage construction before his time.

Today he is the only reference available for facts and figures regarding 50 years of drainage work in the Township---the 25 years of his tenure plus the 25 years preceding his tenure. Consequently he has blue printed in his memory all the twists and snarls of drainage construction over 70-odd lineal miles.

Griffith has kept individual plans and records of underground utilities covering his term of office, but these had never been co-ordinated with the incomplete records of the preceding 25 years.

Then along came the WPA.

Haddon Township officials applied for an appropriation to provide for needed utility maps. As a result, 5 capable men, supervised by Arthur D. Ihlang of Woodlyne, State registered engineer, are now gathering the necessary information, setting it down on maps.

Various types of inlets, storm sewers, water lines, gas mains, telephone conduits, drainage flow, are shown on these maps which will completely cover Haddon Township.

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A copy of the index map was requested by the fire department and submitted, This map showed the size of all water mains and spotted all fire hydrants.

The maps will show depth of gas mains to facilitate installation of water service lines; volume capacity of water mains, and location of shut-off valves,

Before the mapmaking began, the men did extensive field work, checking over available township records and records at the Gas Company. The field work is still going on.

Alfred J. Harris, Superintendant of Public Works, commended the WPA workers.

"Ihlang has handled this work with absolute efficiency and capability right down to the finest detail. His splendid attitude is reflected in his men. I cannot adequately cite the value of this work because to Haddon Township it is invaluable."

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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JERSEY CITY. May 5. -- Thomas E. Lynch, District Director of the W.P.A. announced today that the Federal Music Project, under the supervision of William McKenna, will contribute materially to the observance of National Music Week, being celebrated this week, by presenting a series of free public concerts in schools throughout Hudson County.

The principal concert will be presented tonight in Henry Snyder High School, Bergen Avenue and Grant, Jersey City, when two concert bands and a concert orchestra, comprizing more than 100 professional musicians will offer a program of classical and semi-classical music.

In addition to the instrumental music presented by one of the largest orchestral units ever assembled for a free concert in the county, the program includes several vocal selections by the choir of the Jersey City Women's Club, directed by Mrs. Mary C. Laterman. Among the selections played by the orchestra will be "The Flame Dance", the work of James P. Dunn, Jersey City composer. The bands will be directed by Hyman Hochstein and Henry Walter and the concert orchestra will be conducted by George Detlefsen. The program will begin at 8:30 P. M.

A free concert will also be presented in Washington High School, Union City, tomorrow night by a 25-piece orchestra directed by William Russo. Another concert will be presented by W.P.A. musicians in Woodrow Wilson High School, Weehawken, Friday night. Dancing will be held following both concerts. The programs presented will be of a high musical standard, Director Lynch said.

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McKenna announced that more than 1,000 engagements have been played in Hudson County by the various units under his supervision since last December. Many of these engagements have been music appreciation concerts and music educational work in the schools. The nine units operating under McKenna's supervision comprize a concert orchestra, two concert bands, and six dance units. The latter units are accompanied by vocal artists. They play at affairs conducted by civic and social welfare organizations, churches, schools and institutions, where no admission fee is charged.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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METUCHEN - A damp ceremony marked the laying of the cornerstone of Metuchen's new library building here on Middlesex Avenue Monday afternoon.

William H. J. Ely, State WPA Administrator, was principal speaker.

The building is being built by the Works Progress Administration at no cost to the Borough. Federal funds has provided \$38,000, while private donations and a bequest have provided the remainder.

Mr. Ely was high in his praise of Metuchen officials and prominent citizens who participated in the movement which resulted in this WPA project. Mr. Ely said:

"The people of Metuchen and Mayor Hillpot are to be congratulated on their far-sighted cooperation with the WPA to bring about the erection of this public library. You should all be proud of it, and we in the WPA are proud of it, too. We are not only happy to take care of the men working on this building, but also to have contributed something worthwhile to the village of Metuchen."

Mayor A. K. Hillpot expressed his satisfaction that the building was being erected entirely out of Federal funds and donations.

Lewis Compton, Assistant State Administrator of the WPA, said that he liked to look "on this building as an evidence of an understanding local government."

Mr. Compton paid tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. F.M.P. Pearse for her work in beautifying the grounds in the vicinity of the library site.

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J. H. Weitzen, Director of District 4, said that, given a good project, the WPA can do a good job. The library work was an example of it.

Another speaker was Charles P. Full, President of the Metuchen Library Association, who made reference to data he had prepared for placing in the copper box which was put in the terra cotta cornerstone. This referred to those who had long labored for the advancement of the library project, led by the late Henry M. Alden, a descendant of John Alden, the Colonial hero of romance.

Remarks by Aylin Pierson, the architect, Professor Hunt, who laid the cornerstone, and Rev. Mr. Zimmerman brought the ceremonies to a close.

There was community singing and music by the WPA Middlesex County Band.

Rev. Harold W. Dunne and Rev. George Humphries, Metuchen clergymen, participated in the ceremonies, the former giving a dedicatory reading and the latter offering the closing benediction.

Work on the library building was started December 19th, and there were no interruptions except those caused by weather. It is a one-story Colonial style structure, with the design in keeping with the historic character of the section, yet having the latest equipment and facilities requisite for the modern library. It is situated on the Old King's Highway, now Middlesex Avenue, where once the rattling stage coaches whirled by with notables traveling from Boston and New York to Philadelphia.

Better library facilities have been needed in the borough for five years, the quarters in the Borough Hall having proved inadequate. The \$18,000 bequest of the late Professor Theodore Hunt, of Princeton University, and a \$3,000 donation by the Metuchen Library

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Association, an organization which has been backing library movements in Metuchen for more than half a century, brought the hopes of Metuchen residents to fulfillment.

Approval of the project late last autumn by Washington officials of the WPA, State Administrator William H. J. Ely and District Director J. H. Weitzen, brought prompt action on the part of the library trustees who had plans in readiness.

The building, standing on a plot of 100 feet front by 200 feet deep, will include a basement which will contain a meeting room, magazine storage room, historical data space, and heating equipment.

The main structure measures 60 x 30 feet, and with a wing 21 x 43 feet. The first floor will include the general reading and reference room, a work room and children's department, the two latter sections in the wing.

Among the facilities that make for convenience for the public service will be an electric lift, and shelving especially constructed for the storage and conveyance of books.

The Works Progress Administration will be in charge of landscaping.

The project has provided work for 33 men, most of them skilled, and all of them residents of Metuchen or vicinity.

The library trustees are the Rev. Frederick Zimmerman, president; Mrs. L. E. Molineux, vice-president; Elliott Corbin, treasurer; Howard N. Ayres, secretary; Samuel C. Schenck, Carl Calloway and Mayor A. K. Hillpot, ex-officio. Miss Julia T. Bogert has served the borough as librarian for eighteen years.

The following are members of the Metuchen Library Association: C.P.Hull, president; Mrs. A.U.Quint, treasurer; Mrs. Aylin Pierson, secretary; L.E.Molineux, Mrs. Samuel C.Schenck, F.M.P.Pearse.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
1060 BROAD STREET, NEWARK, N.J.

NOTE TO EDS.: Upper and lower case here follows the sheepskin.

TRENTON. May 5. -- A court sentence providing that a larcenist convicted in 1758 be tied to the tail of a cart and whipped publicly in three towns on three separate days and fined ten pence, was uncovered here today by WPA researchers for the State Historical Records Survey.

The yellowed, unindexed sheepskin, taken from a vault kept by the Supreme Court, was transcribed by the Clerk of Burlington County Court (CORRECT: NO FURTHER TITLE) in November, 1758.

It begins:

"The King vs Joseph alias George Armstrong: The jury came into court and being called over do say they are agreed on their Verdict and find the prisoner Guilty to the value of Ten Pence and so they say all."

Sentence provided that on the next ensuing Monday at Burlington City (CORRECT) Armstrong be "whipped between the Court House and Wharf;" that on Thursday he be taken to Mt. Holly "to be whipped through the Main Street of that Town," and that on the following Monday "he be carried to Bordenton and Whipped in the same manner through the Main Street of that place."

The prisoner's back was to be bared on each of these public appearances and thirty-nine lashes were to be laid on each time.

After these festivities, the Judge ordered, Armstrong was to be returned to Burlington to be "Committed till Fees are paid." He meant those "Ten Pence."

All this labor devolved upon the Sheriff, but a merciful Court decreed that "the Constable shall assist."

TELEPHONED TO ALL PAPERS, MAY 6, 1936 -- 4:30 P.M.

Telephone all city desks including AP and Sunday Call
and all Newark papers for Picture Editor and Feature Editor:

Say:

WPA crews are removing and transplanting a 7-ton tree
at Grove Street entrance of Brookdale Park, Bloomfield.

Machinery includes cranes, trucks, etc.

Two tons of earth hanging to roots of tree.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
1060 BROAD STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

JERSEY CITY. May 6. -- Federal Theatre Project of the WPA will make it's debut in the North Hudson section with the presentation of two three-act plays by trained professional actors and actresses tonight, continuing through tomorrow and Friday nights.

"Broken Dishes", a comedy of home life, by Martin Flavin, will be presented in the auditorium of School 6, West New York, tonight at 8:15 under the auspices of West New York Regular Democratic Club. James Fitzgerald, president of the club, reported today that advance ticket sales indicated a large attendance.

"The Night Cap", a mystery-drama, sparkled by bits of humor, will be presented in the same school under the same sponsorship Friday night. Guy Bolton and Max Marcin are authors of "The Night Cap". Both plays had long runs on Broadway and successful road tours.

Daniel Malanka Association, 286 New York Avenue, Union City, will sponsor "Broken Dishes" in the auditorium of Emerson High School, New York Avenue and Eighteenth Street, Union City, tomorrow night. Joseph McCourt, president of the association, today reported several hundred tickets already sold for the benefit.

Half the proceeds of the three shows will be given to the Children's Funds of both organizations, and will be used in sending underprivileged boys to a summer camp.

A group of boys will also be treated to a major league baseball game at Yankee Stadium. The other half of the box office receipts will be used to transport equipment and pay traveling expenses of the theatrical units. Earl McLellan is district supervisor of the WPA Federal Theatre Project.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
1060 BROAD STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

HACKENSACK. May 7. -- Thirty Negro workers of the National Youth Administration pulled the last piece of brush from a 5-lot tract at the corner of Second and Clay Streets today, and began the second half of excavation for a wading pool 315 feet in circumference.

The work is part of a WPA project, sponsored by the City. Workers there reported the five lots cleared and a 155-foot ditch already dug. The pool will be one of the largest in this section, measuring 315 feet around.

It will be the principal attraction. In its center will be a small treed island. Slides, swings, and similar outdoor paraphernalia will be contributed by the City. The land, which has been idle for many years, is city owned.

FRANK E. WALSH
TESTIMONIAL

Stirring tributes of praise for his accomplishments and character were paid last night to Frank E. Walsh, Essex County Director of the Works Progress Administration, at a testimonial dinner given in his honor at the Newark Elks' Club. The dinner was attended by many prominent persons and a host of more than a thousand fraternal and business associates and friends of the Director.

The occasion marked the close of a year's service to Newark Lodge No. 21, by Director Walsh as Exalted Ruler of the Lodge. It was staged by a group of the latest initiated members of the Lodge and known as the "Baby Elks," Class of 1935-6. Speakers at the honored guest's table praised his work as WPA Director of Essex.

Among the speakers were Col. William H. Kelly, Collector of Internal Revenue; William B. J. Ely, State WPA Administrator; William J. Egan, Assistant Attorney General; Charles E. Gillen, former Mayor of Newark and present Assistant State WPA Administrator; Edward A. Reilly, Commissioner of Elections; Robert W. Allen, Deputy State WPA Administrator; Nicholas Albano, State President N. J. Elks; Henry A. Guenther, Grand Trustee, B.P.O.E.; and William M. Cohen, present Exalted Ruler of Newark Elks' Lodge. Col. Kelly left a testimonial dinner being given at the Essex House in his own honor to pay tribute to Director Walsh. He declared that Walsh has earned his laurels as a result of his serious aspect on life. Col. Kelly also described the history and development of the Elks since its inception more than 70 years ago. He also lauded the work being done by State WPA Director Ely and the Federal Government in the WPA program. Charles Gillen was introduced as the godfather of Director Walsh.

Following the speakers Benediction was given by the Rev. Oscar E. Braune, Fire Chaplain of Newark. The committee in charge of the dinner which was headed by Frank W. Towey presented Director Walsh with a bill of sale for a new automobile as a token of the appreciation of the brother

members of his lodge. Telegrams were read from numerous prominent persons and friends of ^{the} Director including Mayor Ellenstein, Director Reginald Parnell and Arthur Walsh, Federal Housing Administration head, who is a brother of Director Walsh. Edward Reilly acted as toastmaster at the dinner which was followed by a program of entertainment and dancing.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

NEWARK. May 8. -- A concert will be given by the WPA sponsored Essex County Opera Company, Sunday, 3:30 P.M., at the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, 198 Summer Avenue, Newark.

The Program:

Overture, Light Cavalry, Suppe; opening ensemble, Soldier's Chorus from Faust, Gounod; vocal duet, Quiereme Mucho, Roig; mixed quartette, Alice Where Art Thou, Ascher; choral ensemble, The Snow, Elgar; vocal sextette, Ma Curly Headed Babby, Clutsam; baritone solo, Cavatina from Faust, Gounod; choral ensemble, Prayer of Thanksgiving, old Netherlands Folk Tune; choral ensemble, Gypsy Life, Schumann; orchestral interlude, Prelude from La Traviata, Verdi; choral ensemble, The Flute Invisible, Saint-Saens; choral ensemble, In a Persian Market, Ketelbey; vocal duet, Anathema from La Gioconda, Ponchielli and grand finale, Prayer Scene from Cavalleria Rusticana, Mascagni.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
1060 BROAD STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

NEWARK. May 8. -- The second concert in the all-Beethoven series being presented by the WPA-sponsored Newark Civic Symphony Orchestra will be given Wednesday evening, 8:30 P.M., in the auditorium of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, Broadway and Second Avenue, Newark.

Eunice Norton, well known American pianist will be the soloist. She will play the concerto in C Major for piano and orchestra. The balance of the program will comprise the Leonore Overture No. 3 and the second symphony in D Major.

Tickets for the concert may be obtained at L. Bamberger & Company, Kresge Department Store, Hahne & Company, A. K. DeLemos and Griffith Piano Company.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
1060 BROAD STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

MONTCLAIR. May 8. -- Judges will announce the winning troupe in a WPA-sponsored three-day dramatic tournament tonight after concluding performances at George Innes School here.

The victors among these competing amateurs, coached by instructors of the Essex County Recreation project, will be awarded a plaque of hand-carved wood.

Judges are:

John Morgan, director of the "Strollers", Maplewood; Romaine Utley, Director of the Little Theater, Elizabeth, and Miss W. Snell, director of the Paper Mill Playhouse, Short Hills.

Determining points are acting, diction, stage settings.

Tonight's program:

"The Red Lamp", by the Orange Community Center; "The Sweetmeat Game", by the St. Aloysius Girls of Caldwell; "When the Sun Rises", by the Little Theater Group of Irvington Recreation Department, and "The Ghost Story", by the Park Players of Millburn.

The first play will start at 7:30 o'clock.

The opening three plays presented Wednesday night in the auditorium of Watchung School, were:

"Three's A Crowd", by the Elmwood Oval Little Theatre Group of East Orange; "The Slave", by the Montclair Y.W.C.A. Drama Group, and "Elmer", by the Jewish Junior League of West Caldwell.

Last night's program:

"Who Says Can't", by the Orange Public Speaking Class of Orange Community Center; "The Tangled Web", by the American Legion House Group of Caldwell, and "The Third Angle", by the Newark Chapel Players.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
1060 BROAD STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

PERTH AMBOY. May -- Dr. Solomon Andrews flew the world's first dirigible over this city 72 years and 11 months before .

scheduled arrival of the Hindenburg, WPA researchers revealed today. (EDS: TONIGHT'S? TOMORROW'S? TODAY'S?)

Dr. Andrews, air-minded physician and one-time mayor of Perth Amboy, in June, 1863 slung a shallow basket under a cigar-shaped bag and went aloft, astounding the citizenry and himself, according to Mrs. Irene Fuhlbruegge, State Director of the Federal Writers' Project, in charge of preparing the New Jersey State Guide Book.

This shaky flight, not recorded in history, preceded the famed dirigible flight of Count Von Zeppelin over Lake Constance, Germany, by more than forty years, and was made in the second of Dr. Andrews' dirigibles.

Three months later, the Doctor made a demonstration flight in New York. A meagre but authentic description of the flight was recorded in the New York Herald, September 8, 1863:

"We have this week," the Herald story read, "the pleasure to record the success of the most extraordinary invention of the age, if not the most so of any the world ever saw---at least the greatest stride in invention ever made by a single individual.... On Friday, the 4th instant, he made his last experiment, and demonstrated to an admiring crowd the possibility of going against the wind, and guiding her in any and every direction."

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Dr. Andrews repeated this coup two years later, May 28, 1865, when he raised his ship 2,000 feet in the air and flew thirty miles from Green and Houston Street, New York City, to the tip of Long Island City.

The longest sustained flight by man in the history of the world!

Forty years after Dr. Andrews' first flight over Perth Amboy, Count Von Zeppelin flew a dirigible 12 miles over Lake Constance, but his ship was damaged in landing.

Count Von Zeppelin had also flown a balloon at St. Paul, Minn., in 1863. This was not one of the cigar-shaped navigable ships that later came to bear his name.

Dr. Andrews was the first man to apply sailboat principles to an airship. To lessen resistance he shaped his airboat like a fat cigar and divided its cylinders into compartments, patenting the idea in July 1864.

Many years later Count Von Zeppelin was accredited with having conceived the principles under which present-day dirigibles are built.

Roger B. Whitman, New York Sun columnist and grandson of the Perth Amboy doctor, revealed recently that at the time of his grandfather's early experiments during the Civil War Count Von Zeppelin served in the United States Army as an observer.

Dr. Andrews built his first dirigible in 1849 but considered the flimsy bag unsafe and after erecting the world's first hangar here in this city abandoned plans to fly the ship.

He renewed experiments during the Civil War, writing President Lincoln that he could afford air transportation over the enemy lines as a means of observation. He got no reply.

He repeated the offer, pledging \$50,000 in real estate as forfeiture should the idea fail. The government requested full particulars, but the Bureau of Topographical Engineers were "not fully convinced of the possibilities of this method of locomotion."

"I intend to build one immediately on my own account", Dr. Andrews declared forthwith, "and if successful I shall present it to the United States Government in the hope that it may shorten the war".

He completed it in June, 1863, when he made the first flight over Perth Amboy. This unquestionable success did not stir the War Department. The second test in New York City cost Dr. Andrews \$10,000.

But it resulted in governmental recognition. A commission was appointed to study the idea. An appropriation recommendation followed, but before final action was taken the war ended and the plan was abandoned.

Despite this cancellation Dr. Andrews felt secure in his experiment, and he organized the world's first air transport line. Gaining a charter from New York County Clerk, he set up the Aerial Navigation Company to operate between New York City and Philadelphia. That was in 1865.

The charter document is still on file in the offices of the New York County Clerk.

The navigation company's officers were:

Dr. Andrews, president; Dr. G. Waldo Hill, vice-president; Charles M. Plumb, secretary, and George W. Trow, treasurer.

These four were the first passengers in the thirty-mile flight.

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But the dirigible, the Aereon, had made its last flight. Its future apparently secure and the navigation company's success virtually assured, the Aereon was forced to the junk pile when the company's funds were melted to a pool of small change by a series of national bank failures.

TELEPHONED TO ALL PAPERS. MAY 8 -- 12:30 P.M.

William H. J. Ely, State WPA Administrator, said today the WPA-built runway at Lakehurst Airport, being constructed to accommodate shuttle planes carrying passengers from the Hindenburg to Newark Airport, will be completed Saturday morning, provided unexpected rough weather does not interfere.

The project provides for an extension of the present runway approximately 600 feet on each end, making a total of 3600 feet of runway, 100 feet wide, with a total of 40,000 square yards of 4 inch penetration gravel, necessitating the hauling and spreading of 6,075 tons of road gravel, 2400 gallons of tar and 700 tons of pea gravel.

At the beginning of work 120 WPA men were assigned to this project, working two 12 hour shifts. Two rollers were furnished by the Works Progress Administration and one by the Navy Department. Three rollers were worked continuously from sunrise to dark.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

BETTY BACHRACH HOME, LONGMONT. May 10. -- The new physiotherapy pool under construction at this home for crippled children will be a permanent monument to Max Elias S. Rosenbaum, Secretary and Treasurer of the Home, said today, (Sunday, May 10th) at annual Mother's Day Exercises here.

Senator J. Harry Moore laid the cornerstone for this "Warm Springs of the North."

Beside him stood Governor Harold C. Hoffman, William W. J. Ely, State WPA Administrator, U. S. Senator J. Warren Harbourn, State Senator William Mathews of Atlantic County, Assistant Attorney General Robert Peacock, and Mayor Charles E. White of Atlantic City.

Today, 70 WPA workmen are busy starting construction upon what Ely in his address during the dedication ceremonies, termed the only thoroughly up-to-date pool of its kind on the eastern seaboard and the only place in the United States comparable to the Warm Springs Foundation pool.

Estimated cost for construction of this new health unit will be \$50,000; \$20,500 of which is a WPA contribution. Funds for the \$14,500 sponsor's contribution were raised through the efforts of Mr. Joseph E. Luck, Chairman of the State Crippled Children's Commission of New Jersey, and a committee headed by Colonel William E. Kelly; also the Crippled Children's Committees of 35 subordinate Elks' Lodges throughout New Jersey.

Donation of 100.00 was made to the Home Sunday afternoon, by Sergeant Ray Smith, Chairman of the Elks Crippled Children's Committee

of Garden Lodge 193, in behalf of the poorer sort. Argonaut with has long been identified with activities for the benefit of crippled children in this vicinity.

Donations were also made during unlay's exercises by other Elks Lodges.

Treatments in this therapeutic pool will not be limited to patients in the home but plans are being made to set apart certain periods each day when children and adults from any vicinity may receive these marvelous treatments, regardless of their ability to pay.

The building will be a two-story, fire-proof addition to the Betty Bacharach home, founded 12 years ago by the members of the Bacharach family in memory of their mother, and since conducted and maintained by a local Atlantic City chapter of Elks.

It will contain four treatment rooms, four dressing rooms, an office and consulting room for the medical staff, the pool itself, rest rooms and cubicles sufficient to accommodate 20.

There will also be a large room in which the carbon sun lamp will be placed and which will be large enough to permit 14 children to receive treatment at one time.

There will be a solarium, 16 feet by 26 feet, and large porches on three sides of the building so that the children in their beds can be placed in the sun at practically any hour of the day. Bedrooms for eight nurses are included in the building.

This will be the only therapeutic pool in the eastern part of the United States using sea water.

The same type of treatments which were so beneficial to resident Roosevelt and many others at the San Springs Foundation will be administered here.

MAY 11, 9:50 A.M.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

NEWARK, May 11 -- State WPA Administrator William H. J. Ely said today that President Roosevelt had relayed to him through the office of Harry L. Hopkins, National Administrator, an executive order permitting the transfer of funds from proposed projects to projects in operation which must be completed before the greatest value can be derived from work already accomplished on them.

This was the President's response, Mr. Ely said, to the near-crisis in work relief brought about by rapid diminution of general WPA funds.

He added that the districts would report to headquarters here sometime today what changes in programs are likely. Then it will be determined what shifts in allotments will be made.

The new order will permit financing up to June 30, all projects now in operation.

The order was relayed to state and district administrative staffs all of whom, together with the United States Treasury Department have recently worked day and night to prepare for the proper transfer of these funds.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

NEWARK. May 11. -- A display showing the activities and products of the Federal Arts Project of the Works Progress Administration will occupy a prominent part of the New Jersey National Home Show which opened today at 113th Infantry Armory, Sussex Avenue and Jay Street.

The display, set up in a booth 20 feet wide and 10 feet in depth, will include material from all districts in the State, but the major portion will be from Essex County project which is under the direction of District Project Supervisor Paul H. Keller. Supervisor Keller will be in charge of the booth.

The first showing will be 8:30 tonight. It will then be open daily to May 17th. Three demonstrations will be given at the booth of actual work being done by the Federal Arts Project.

The first demonstration will illustrate the manner in which an index of design drawings is being made by the project. It will show with workers employed the way in which the research in American design is being conducted for a proposed Federal publication. Artists will be seen painting from furniture, costumes, jewelry, and other American designed articles.

A feature of this phase, which will be carried out from 2 to 10 daily, will be WPA artists painting from costumes worn by attractive WPA female workers who will be clad in actual period costumes of this country. One of the costumes to be worn dates from 1849.

Sculptors employed on the Federal Arts Project will be at work in the booth, reproducing government buildings, seals and emblems in model form and portrait busts. There will also be a display of the process of making lithograph drawings. A representative collection of oil paintings made by WPA artists and posters made by the workers of the poster division of the project will also be shown.

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ELIZABETH. May 12. -- Persons who learned to sing, dance, fence, act or box from WPA instructors in the Recreational project, will demonstrate their proficiency Friday night at a pageant and review at Warinanco Park Stadium.

The program, including an exhibition of handicraft by women of the WPA sewing rooms of Middlesex and Union Counties, will be postponed to May 22 in the event of rain.

More than 300 children and adults will participate. WPA Supervisor Arthur R. Boutot will be in charge, and Charles Blakeman of Union Township is chairman of field events.

Municipal, County, and WPA officials will be present. There will be demonstrations of dancing, gymnastics, choral singing, fencing, boxing, a one-act play and a minstrel.

A choral group, comprising 40 Negroes, 10 men and 30 women, will sing. A group of Negro children will perform a "trucking" dance.

There will be exhibitions of ballroom and tap dancing, including a featured number by children of the Egendorf Day Nursery here.

The fencing will come in for particular emphasis. The WPA introduced the sport here last winter. It has gained favorable support under the supervision of Anthony Scafati of Cranford, former Olympic star. Scafati will present sixteen fencers.

The Union County WPA music unit will accompany other events and will play two selections.

The program will mark the beginning of outdoor summer activities which will be centered at 86 playgrounds in the County's 20 municipalities.

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NEWARK. May 13. -- An unusual and beautiful example of craftsmanship and art, a stone clock created by a Works Progress Administration stone mason in his spare time, was presented as a gift today to Frank E. Walsh, WPA Director for Essex County.

The clock was made by Frank Lattanzi, 55, of 447 North Sixth Street, who is employed by the WPA on a development project at Brookdale Park, Bloomfield. Lattanzi cleverly cemented together more than 200 small pieces of stone of various colors to make the time-piece which weighs 30 pounds. It is 21 inches long at the base, 10 inches high and four and a half inches from front to back. The clock is shaped similar to the familiar type of chime clocks which are usually made of wood and placed on a fireplace mantel. The letters "WPA" are also carved out of solid stone and inlaid in the face of the clock, which Lattanzi told Director Walsh only took 15 hours of his spare time to complete.

In collecting the stones for the clock Lattanzi used Belgian marble, three types of Italian red and white marble, New England limestone, quartz and green and white marble from different parts of this country. Every piece is intricately fitted and joined together so that only small crevices were left between the stones for the bond to hold them together.

Although Lattanzi is handicapped by the loss of two fingers from his right hand, it does not hinder him from being a good workman. His spare time is always occupied at home in making attractive flower containers and jardinieres for his family and friends. He is the father of two children and has lived in Newark since he came to this country 32 years ago.

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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

ELIZABETH. May 13. -- Another and new path to marital compatibility was today offered New Jersey's man and wife---fencing! And not the backyard variety.

This is vouched for by Anthony Scafati of Cranford, one-time Olympic star, intercollegiate champion at Alabama, former fencing instructor at Upsala College, and now WPA fencing instructor in Union County.

Scafati painted a rosy picture of husband and wife dancing and thrusting across the living room floor while Junior perches behind the sofa, howling with glee.

"This is no pipe dream," Scafati said, "I have sixteen married couples in the fencing classes here under the WPA recreational division. And they love it. I know they practice home."

When Scafati began last winter, 599 of his pupils thought a thrust was another name for Thrush---the male of the species, or something. But not today. While the 600 have developed no outstanding champion, Scafati believes they have certainly established a mutual bond.

"There's something psychological about picking up a shining foil or saber and lunging, teeth gritting, at one's husband or wife, and at the same time knowing you can't really hurt each other", Scafati explained.

The class of 600 is equally divided between men and women.

Scafati has picked sixteen of the men for an exhibition drill to be given Friday night at the WPA recreation pageant at Warinanco Park Stadium here. The drill will be in three parts, titled "A Visit

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to a Fencing Academy". Foils and sabres will be used in difficult routines, slicing an intricate design of flashing steel through the arc-lighted air.

The drill will begin at 10 o'clock as one part of the colorful pageant and review being staged to exhibit results of a 5-months recreational program. Arthur Boutot is WPA county supervisor.

Scafati's class includes men and women between 16 and 45, medicos, lawyers, grocery men, schoolboys, housewives and high school girls. Each of them owns either a sabre or a foil, and all own masks. The necessary equipment for the sport, which has swept Union County, costs \$5.00 or less.

Man and wife, they love it.

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CAMDEN. May 14. -- Twenty-four women on the WPA sewing project at Runnemede today reported the last stitch sewed in 1,800 pieces of clothing and household linens.

They began January 1st. Most of them said they had never done anything fancier with a needle than darn a sock. Today their versatility had produced dresses, overalls, pajama, towels, sheets, pillow cases, shirts, and rompers.

Their instructors were Mrs. Gertrude Tait, project supervisor, and Mrs. Helen Clement, her assistant.

The articles were distributed to impoverished families here.

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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

JERSEY CITY. May 14. -- WPA workers on Hudson County sewing projects will exhibit clothing they have made at a fashion parade in the Union City workshop, 315 Thirty-fourth Street, tomorrow night.

Miss Helen Dowd, District Supervisor of Women's and Professional Projects, said 20 persons---men, women, and children---will model clothing made by WPA seamstresses. The clothes are for distribution to impoverished families.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 7 to 10.

The Union City sewing room, one of the largest and most modern WPA workshops in the state, is now at peak production, under the supervision of Mrs. Esther P. Schloss. More than 11,700 articles have been made and distributed since the project started January 10th.

There are 188 employees on this project. An average of 1,000 garments are made each week. There are 2,676 yards of material still on hand.

Seven thousand garments were made by the employees, on their own time, and sent to flood refugees.

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TRENTON. May 14. -- M. William Murphy, WPA director of District No. 7 comprising Mercer and Burlington Counties, has sent to the New Jersey Chapter of the American Red Cross a check for \$176.16 representing the contributions of WPA workers of his district to the relief fund for victims of the spring floods and tornadoes.

Of the total contributions, 15 sewing women in the Maple Shade sewing room gave \$5.00, and the Mount Holly sewing room workers raised \$5.50. The roster of Camp Mahalala, the government work camp for transients at Cookstown, contributed \$10.40.

In a letter to Director Murphy acknowledging the contributions, Miss Laura McFetridge, state executive secretary of the New Jersey Chapter, writes:

"Please express our gratitude and thanks to the individuals who so kindly contributed to this worthy cause. The check was forwarded on to Washington today, and we know that it will be of material assistance in helping the victims of the spring floods, as well as the tornadoes."

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ELIZABETH. May 15. -- Forty Negroes, 10 men and 30 women, will sing a group of Negro spirituals tonight during one phase of the Union County WPA recreation division pageant at Warinanco Park Stadium.

The pageant, which will feature fencing, dancing, and exhibits of work achieved during the five months the division has operated, will begin at 8:30.

The choral group will be followed by 8 Negro children who will imitate the boxing stance and other poses of Joe Louis during a modern trucking dance.

Seven Negro churches will be represented in the choral group. Each member has either sung in a choir or has had formal training in music.

Mrs. Elizabeth Weeks, Negress, graduate of Shaw University, N. C., where she majored in music and theology, will conduct the society.

She directs various activities at the WPA community center, First Street, Elizabeth, where more than 300 Negroes receive instruction in varied subjects during the week.

Miss May Cox, Negress, will be accompanist, Miss Cox majored in music at New York University. Robert White, Negro, directs WPA activities in Union County.

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NEWARK. May 16. -- Six pretty NYA girls dressed in costumes made at a WPA sewing room will usher at the third of the all-Beethoven series of concerts being given by the WPA-sponsored Newark Civic Symphony Orchestra. The concert will be on Wednesday evening at 8:15, in the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Auditorium, Broadway and Second Avenue.

The concert is dedicated to the memory of the late David I. Kelly, former secretary of the Essex County Park Commission, who played a very important role in the organization of government sponsored music projects. The Rotary Club, of which Mr. Kelly was former president, will sponsor the concert which will be broadcast over station WNEW.

Tickets for these concerts are obtainable at L. Bamberger & Co., Kresge Department Store, Hahne & Co., A. K. DeLemos, Griffith Piano Co., or from Works Progress Orchestra and Bank Projects of District 3, 50 Coit Street, Irvington, New Jersey.

FOR RELEASE MAY 18.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION--NEW JERSEY
1060 Broad Street,
Newark, N.J.

NEWARK, May 18.--New Jersey women held the franchise they will exercise tomorrow for 21 years before the first woman voted, WPA writers here assert, then cast their first ballots to abet a wise guy's coup in 1797, and lost their privilege in 1807 for alleged downright fraud.

"The State Constitution, adopted July 2, 1776, left the right to vote wide open to women," said Mrs. Irene Fuhlbuegge, State Director of the Federal Writers' Project, who told this story of the feminine touch in early politics, "and it was expressly written into law for them in 1790. But we can find no record of a woman's voting before 1797."

They voted that year in bitter contest between John Condit, Federal Republican, and William Crane, Federal Aristocrat, candidates for the Legislature.

Ten minutes before the polls closed, Crane's managers hustled 75 chattering women to the polls. They dropped their ballots and left, giggling over the daring thing they had done.

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The Newark/"Centinel of Freedom", raised a hullabaloo at this overdose of the ideal it was a "Centinel" of, though Crane lost.

Three years later the women took an active part in electing Thomas Jefferson president over John Adams, incumbent.

The women committed their disastrous transgression, in a referendum in 1806 to decide whether Newark or Elizabethtown should be the Essex County seat.

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Women, negro and white, were permitted to vote with only a cursory inquiry into their property possessions, a prerequisite. To make this worse the women made election day a festival and altered the rules of the game a bit. Casting one vote was novel but not quite thrilling. So parties of them took an early morning vote, went home, threw some corn bread into the oven, doffed their aprons, and hurried back for a little afternoon balloting.

In the afternoon they hung around the polls, boasting of how early, how late, and how often they had voted just as spiritedly as their lords bragged about how many miles they got out of each pick of oats.

Then a horrified Legislature limited the right to vote to free, white, taxpaying males.

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Mrs. Fuhlbruegge outlined this thumbnail history of woman suffrage in New Jersey:

1709 -- Lords Proprietors decreed voting limited to male freeholders having 100 acres of land in their own right, or worth 50 pounds in current money of the province.

1776 -- State Constitution passed, opening the franchise to all inhabitants of full age; those worth 50 pounds or more in proclamation money, and who had lived more than 12 months in the County.

1790 -- Joseph Cooper, Quaker member of West Jersey Legislature, succeeded in forcing the inclusion of "he or she" in the election law, giving women the specific right to vote.

1797 -- First recorded vote of women in the State. Seventy-five attempted a wise guys' coup in an Essex County election of a member to the State legislature. Their man lost.

1802 -- Women recovered and again voted, this time in a Hunterdon County election, succeeding in electing a candidate they favored.

1806 -- Large group of women, Negro and white, voted with no legal check on their property rights. A public scandal ensued.

1807 -- Cagney State legislators passed a law barring women from the polls.

1858 -- Lucy Stone of Orange refused to pay her taxes until she had the right to vote.

1920 -- Lucy Stone's rebellion finally resulted in passage of a Constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote.

1936 -- Primary polls will be open tomorrow - to women and men, both.

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NEWARK, May 18 -- WPA orchestras and bands of the Essex County District will make the following appearances between Wednesday and May 29:

Concert bands -- Wednesday, 8:30, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company Auditorium; Thursday, 1 First Avenue School; Friday, 10:30, Arlington Avenue School and 12:45, Waverly Chapel, Dayton Street School; Monday, May 25, 12:45, 18th Avenue School; Tuesday, May 26, 8:45, Warren Street School; Wednesday, May 27, 8:30, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company Auditorium and 1, Hawkins Street School; Friday, May 29th, 12:45, Montgomery Street School.

Dance orchestras -- Saturday, 7:30 to 10, Jewish Children's Home; Wednesday, May 27, 8:30 to 11:30, Recreation House, Millburn and 9 to midnight, First Presbyterian Church, High Street Annex; Thursday, May 28, 8 to 11, Essex County Girls' Vocational School.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

NEWARK. MAY 19. -- WPA crews are working on repairs and fire-prevention improvements to two firehouses here, and the administration has approved similar revamping of seven others, State WPA Administrator William H. J. Ely said today.

Work has begun at Firehouses 19 at 520 Frelinghuysen Avenue, and 1 at 190 Mulberry Street.

Those yet to be improved are: No. 3, 39 Court Street; No 2, 39 Center Street; No. 5, 217 Belmont Avenue; No. 13, 743 Summer Avenue; No. 12, 215 Belmont Avenue; No. 4, 241 High Street, and No. 6 at 443 Broadway.

Plans entail replacing old wooden floors with reinforced concrete, repairs to the heating, plumbing and electrical systems, installation of metal ceilings, cleaning, refacing and repointing brick and stonework and painting. The city's Department of Public Safety, sponsor, has contributed \$27,418.09 to be added to Federal funds of \$32,532.50 allotted for the work.

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MAPLEWOOD. May 19. -- The Essex County Opera Company, a unit of the WPA-sponsored Federal Music Project, will give a concert at 8:15 tonight at the Maplewood Woman's Club, 60 Woodland Road.

The program:

Overture - Il Guarany, Gomez; opening ensemble - Hail Smiling Morn, Spofforth; mezzo soprano solo - O Promise Me from "Robin Hood", DeKoven; mixed quartette - The Night has a Thousand Eyes, Nevin; choral ensemble - Galway Piper, Irish Melody; choral paraphrase - Sylvia, Speaks; vocal ensemble (female voices) - Moon Marketing, Weaver; Cradle Song, Brahms; The Sleigh, Kountz.

Choral ensemble - Coronation Scene from "Boris Godunov", Moussorgski; choral ensemble - The Wild Ride, Andrews; choral paraphrase - Lake of Dreams (The Swan), Saint-Saens; mixed quartette - One Morn If I Remember Well from "Rigoletto", Verdi; vocal ensemble (male voices) - Zitti Zitti and Jester's Sweetheart, both from "Rigoletto", Verdi; soprano solo - Love in Springtime, Arditi; grand finale - Finale Act III of "La Gioconda", Ponchielli.

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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

NEWARK. May 19. -- WPA crews tackled initial steps on eight new projects today. The projects affecting eight Essex County municipalities range from rebedding of a pond in Millburn to the reconditioning of 130 asphalt streets in this city.

The other six are in Irvington, Bloomfield, Nutley, Caldwell, and Glen Ridge.

One of the projects, sponsored by the Essex County Park Commission, will provide for the excavation of 6,000 cubic yards of silt at Diamond Mill Pond, South Mountain Reservation, Millburn, where hard bottom and regular shoreline will be cut for a new pond.

Another Park Commission-sponsored project authorized repairing, repainting and altering of buildings and property at Branch Brook, Weequahic, West Side and River Bank Parks, Newark; Eagle Rock Park, South Mountain Reservation; Watsessing Park, Bloomfield, and Yanticaw Park, Nutley. Federal funds, \$16,678.56, and sponsor's, \$3,760.50.

More than 3,000 trees will be pruned and trimmed in Caldwell, and another 25 felled and removed, eliminating a vehicle and pedestrian danger.

Bloomfield and Nutley have jointly sponsored a sewer project, affecting a 123-acre area in both towns. More than 1,400 feet of 10-inch pipe and 1,100 feet of 8-inch pipe will be laid; 14 manholes will be constructed.

More than one-third of a mile of stone wall, 12 feet high, is being built along the Elizabeth River, between Yale and Chancellor Avenues, Irvington. Irvington Public Works Department reported this project will result in one of the major flood-control features in the vicinity.

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Tony's Brook in Glen Ridge will be cleared and about 3,000 feet of rubble masonry will be set along the brook, and banks on each side will be graded.

One hundred and thirty asphalt streets will be reconditioned in Newark. The Department of Public Affairs, sponsor, has contributed \$77,655, and federal funds total \$60,138.50.

Another Public Affairs-sponsored project in Newark will be the laying of 2,000 feet of 20-inch water main along Broad Street between Parkhurst and Poinier Streets. Five hydrants will be installed and two manholes constructed.

The completion of this project will be the last link in a new high pressure water system circuit which begins at South Orange Avenue and Seventh Street, through Weequahic Park section to Frelinghuysen Avenue and along Poinier Street to Broad.

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NATIONAL PARK. May 22. -- Gloucester County will celebrate its 250th anniversary here at Red Bank Battlefield Reservation Tuesday.

The program will include "purchase" of the land from the Indians and re-enactment of the first town fathers meeting. Participants will be in costume.

The battlefield was chosen for the celebration because of its historical significance. It was on this site that the Colonial Troops under Christopher Greene defeated the Hessians in a bloody battle in 1777.

For the past six months the WPA peacetime army has been busy restoring the spot to an almost exact replica of its post-Revolution condition.

More than the sixty per cent of the project, which was sponsored by Gloucester County Board of Freeholders, will be completed by Tuesday. Exactly \$13,796.86 of the original appropriation of \$14,345 has been expended.

The old Whittall farmhouse and grounds have been restored by the WPA. The workmen have rebuilt the storm trenches which surrounded the now demolished Fort Mercer and have taken the few remaining stones from the old fort and built a monument. Relics unearthed during renovation of the grounds and construction of paths have been mounted and a speakers stand has been constructed.

During the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt the Gloucester County Historical Society organized a committee which won the President's consent to set aside 20 acres of the battlefield as a Memorial Park. The Society, headed by Frank Stewart, got approval of a WPA appropriation to convert the site into one of the most beautiful memorial parks in America.

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NEWARK. May 22. -- Work began today on a WPA project providing for repairs to South Side High School, Johnson Avenue and Alpine Street here, and on one at Caldwell which provides for installation of numerous water mains, it was reported to William H. J. Ely, State WPA Administrator.

The Newark Board of Education, sponsoring the repair job, added \$815. to Federal funds of \$6,256. The chief part of the work is for waterproofing. At present water penetrates through parapet and pent house walls at the roof, causing much damage to walls and ceilings on the top floor.

The waterproofing will cover 14,300 square feet of the parapet and pent house walls and will be supplemented by caulking and pointing 1,200 lineal feet of coping. Old felt flashing will be removed and replaced by 1,200 lineal feet of five-ply felt flashings and stripping.

Caldwell streets in which six-inch mains will be laid include Hatfield Street, from Mountain Avenue to Hillside Avenue; Crane Street, from Elm Road to Forest Avenue; Bloomfield Avenue from Espey Road to Lane Avenue; Cedar Road and Knollwood Terrace; Warren Place, from Bowers Road to Overlook Road; Jackson Place, from Westville Avenue to Overlook Road and Bowers Road and Westville Avenue.

An eight-inch main will be laid in Westville Avenue beginning at the Brookside Avenue intersection.

The 30 mains will supplement the flow of water in areas in which the lines are too small or in which there are no mains, causing inadequate fire protection and low domestic delivery and pressure. Caldwell contributed \$3,264 to Federal funds of \$25,241.60 appropriated for the project.

Special to the Newark Ledger

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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Newark, New Jersey

STATEMENT BY PHILIP GORDON, DIRECTOR

NEWARK, May 22 -- "There have been many reactions to the cycle of Beethoven Concerts which the Newark Civic Symphony Orchestra, a WPA-sponsored unit of the Federal Music Project, is presenting weekly at the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company Auditorium. Some critics have said they never have heard better symphonic playing in this city. Some are astonished by the ability of the orchestra to present such a full cycle in six weekly programs. Some point proudly to the fact that the personnel is drawn with few exceptions from citizens of Essex County. Some express appreciation to the WPA for making possible these concerts at a ten cent admission price. Some are grateful to the excellent artists who contribute their services as soloists. And some marvel at the response of the public, eager, and enthusiastic and undeterred by uninviting weather--the student, following the playing with his scores; the seasoned concert-goer, and the average citizen who comes, not out of habit, not out of technical interest, but because the music of Beethoven strikes fire in the depths of his soul.

"To us who perform this music, there is no greater inspiration than the rapt attention of hundreds of listeners who join in the re-creation of the timeless, universal music of the greatest of all composers.

Telephone Release.

NEWARK. May 26 -- On bus crash...

WPA Compensation Department began probe immediately.

32 were injured. 19 were taken to Presbyterian Hospital and 13 to St. Michael's Hospital.

Three at Presbyterian seriously injured - extent not known yet - are:

Clarence Lynch of 6 First St., Newark
Anthony Belloride of 489 So. 12th St., Newark
Charles Burkhardt of 472 So. 14th St., Newark

One at St. Michael's seriously injured - extent not yet known - is Charles Szosko of 590 So. 20th St., Newark.

Other sixteen at Presbyterian are: John Granelle of 125 Bergen St.; Harry Hunt of 57 Cedar Ave.; Anthony Zarrillo of 408 No. 7th St.; Leonardo Abereon of 469 S. 10th St.; John Hall of 40 Astor St; Frato Clementine of 369 So. Ninth St.; Herman Paul of 853 So. 19th St.; Edward O'Neill of 214 Piano St.; George Duffy of 21 Alexander St.; Jesse Eckert of 224 9th St.; Frank Wolf of 234 So. 19th St.; Richard Lusklin of 347 Mulberry St... Here is the only one who does not live in Newark -- Ernest White of 43 Ninth Avenue, East Orange... Robert Ellis of 14 Bergen St.; Gabriel Forlano of 89 Meeker St... and William Malehany (correct) of 18 Cabinet St.

The other 12 at St. Michael's are: Stanley Bernacki of 627 So. 13th St.; William Steiner of 376 So. 11th St... Pascuale Ianelli of 90 Walnut St... Martin Flatley of 31 Mott Street; Figlia Quinzio of 22 Fillmore St.; Elwood Harding of 584 So. 10th St.; Paul Johnson of 2 Nesbitt St.; John Beerlake of 69 Mott St.; Conrad Andreola of 143 Palm St.; Thomas Connelly of 619 Sandford Ave; Charles Oechler of 390 Springfield Ave.; and Vito Catti of 450 Fifteenth Ave.

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All of Newark with the exception of the bird named White of East Orange.....

12:45PM.

A WPA investigator for the Injury and Compensation Section reported to WPA Headquarters ten minutes ago that no physician at any hospital or police station had pronounced Clarence Lynch, involved in today's bus collision, drunk.

TELEPHONE RELEASE

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NEWARK. May 26 -- Clifford Stork, newly appointed Supervisor of the WPA-sponsored Essex County Federal Theatre Project, will be available for an interview at 3 P.M. today at Room 236, 1060 Broad Street, Newark.

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PERTH AMBOY. May 26 -- Horace Leung, 15, of 235 Madison Avenue, can sing "Polly Wolly Doodle All Day" in English and follow it immediately with "Old Black Joe" in Chinese.

Horace, just seven months out of China, is one of 175 persons enrolled in a night English course sponsored here by the WPA Adult Education program.

With one sweeping "Okay" Horace approves of the course, his teachers, America, Perth Amboy, and anything else that pops into his mind. "Okay" is the first word he learned and the one he uses most frequently.

Horace has one other accomplishment of which he is very proud. He can play the harmonica -- Chinese or English, it makes no difference. Its "Okay".

This Chinese boy was born in America but was taken to China when still a small boy. He had lived in Elizabeth and New York City but had had no time to learn English then.

He came back last fall for an education, and is now living at the Madison Street address with his brother, Jim Leung, laundryman. He is enrolled in the seventh grade at Barracks Street Grammar School.

It was at the insistence of Miss Ida Miller, his public school teacher that Horace enrolled in the WPA night course four months ago.

Since that time, Miss Miller said, Horace's work in geography, history and kindred subjects has shown greater proficiency. English has helped him in everything but spelling. Horace's spelling is definitely not "Okay". His singing, his harmonica playing, his Polly Wolly Doodling, his Old Black Joeing are all O.K. but his spelling, despite all learning, is N.G.*O*

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LEONIA. May 26 -- The WPA-sponsored concert orchestra of Bergen County will give a concert at 1:15 P. M. tomorrow for the children of the local schools at the Elementary School. The concert will feature folk and children's songs.

The instrumental trio, including violin, 'cello, and piano will play tomorrow afternoon for the Daughters of the American Revolution at the home of Mrs. Samuel Dix, Beverly Road, Ridgewood.

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NEW JERSEY FOREST ADMINISTRATION
3000 Broad Street Newark, New Jersey

NEWARK: May 27-- William E. J. Ely State WPA administrator, today offered to make 2,000 WPA workers available in Burlington and Ocean Counties where early summer forest fires are raging over a 100 mile front.

Ely said that Colonel Lucian Coyle in Burlington County declared that unless the fires continued to spread there would be no immediate need for WPA assistance.

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EAST HANOVER. May 28 -- The WPA-sponsored Essex County Opera Company will give a Decoration Day Concert here Saturday afternoon at Restland Memorial Park.

The program will begin at 3 o'clock with a short organ recital, followed by a brief address by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Travis of Montclair.

Ten numbers will be given by the opera company. Miss Martha Laird, guest soloist, will sing a new song, "A Song in the Night", Loughborough. The entire program will be amplified over a large area of the park.

Parking facilities for more than 6,000 cars have been arranged.

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BELLEVILLE, May 28. WPA crews today began repairs to School Five Greylock Parkway and Adelaide Street here.

Brickwork and stone of the exterior walls will be painted and all windows will be caulked.

Federal funds allocated to the project total \$2,445. The Belleville Board of Education, sponsor has contributed \$404.89.

Water now enters through the brick and stone joints and that plaster is loosened by such seepage.

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NEWARK. May 29 -- The WPA-sponsored Newark Civic Symphony Orchestra will have the Hilger Trio as assisting artists in the fifth of the all-Beethoven cycle. The Hilger sisters,--Elsa, cellist, Maria, violinist and Greta, pianist--are natives of Vienna, Austria, where they graduated from the Imperial Academy of Music with high honors.

The program for this concert will be the infrequently played King Stephan Overture, the sixth symphony in F Major (Pastoral) and the triple concerto for violin, violincello and piano with orchestra.

This concert will be held Thursday evening at 8:30 in the auditorium of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, Broadway and Second Avenue, Newark, under the auspices of the Works Progress Administration Federal Music Project, and sponsored by the Schumann Music Study Club.

Tickets are obtainable at L. Bamberger & Co., Kresge Department Store, Hahne & Company, A. K. DeLemos, Griffith Piano Company and W.P.A. Orchestra and Band Projects, 50 Coit Street, Irvington, New Jersey.

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NEW MILFORD. May 29 -- WPA workers laid the 4,000th foot of an 18-inch trunk line here today and began the second and easiest half of a \$262,539 all-Borough sewer system project, the most extensive in the State.

The project embraces installation of a complete sewer system and sewage treatment plant, the first in this town, which was incorporated fourteen years ago.

Four hundred and fifty WPA men began work February 15th immediately after approval of the Council's WPA application. Action was forced by a State Board of Health ultimatum which threatened to fine the Borough unless it installed a sewer system immediately.

Mayor George Mack reported to State WPA Administrator William H. J. Ely that sewage disposal was accomplished by emptying into cesspools and nearby brooks.

Mack said many of the houseyards are today so pocked by sewage wells that there is no longer room for new ones. The practice is, Mack said, to cover each well as it reaches overflowing and then sink a new one.

New Milford was unable to comply with the State Board's edict because its bonded indebtedness was already at legal margin. Financing the system without WPA aid was impossible.

The State Board's order was still hanging fire when the WPA was inaugurated last year. Approval was won and work began. About 70,000 feet of mains and laterals, ranging 6 to 18 inches in size, will be laid, serving 650 homes.

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TELEPHONE RELEASES

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
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11:15 A.M.

GRANFORD. May 29 -- A crew of WPA workers uncovered a mastodon's skeleton a mile and a half northeast of here, and are awaiting the arrival of archaeologists from Rutgers University to continue excavations, J. H. Weitzen, WPA District Director here, said today.

A three-foot tusk and four teeth weighing four pounds each were discovered by a crew working under George Van Jaecle, General Foreman, Weitzen said.

The tusk was taken to Rutgers then returned to WPA headquarters, Perth Amboy. The teeth were taken there from the work site where excavations were underway to create a lake in the Normahagen Section of the Rahway River Parkway, Union County Park System.

BULLETIN #2

12:00 Noon

Director Weitzen said it was probable there would be no further digging here until Monday.

Dr. Albert O. Hayes and Dr. Helgi Johnson of Rutgers University said the bones were from a calf mastodon, and probably anywhere from 25,000 to 35,000 years old.

Professor Glenn L. Jepsen, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology and Professor of Geology of Princeton University, agrees with the Rutgers men.

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Professor Jepsen will return to the excavation site Monday.

One tusk weighs 32 pounds, is 42 inches long, 5 inches in diameter, and hollow at one end for 15 inches. Three of the teeth are in the office of John Papp, Jr., District Safety Engineer, at Perth Amboy.

The crew found parts of jaw bones in an extreme state of decay. The tusk is well preserved, ivory, and petrified.

The name of the laborer who first uncovered these bones is Max Chokov, of Elizabeth, who was working under the direct supervision of Daniel C. Marriano.

After Chokov hit the teeth, he called Papp, the Safety Engineer, and Jack Baugh, a laborer, and continued to dig, discovering the tusk.

BULLETIN #3

1:45 P.M.

The bones were found in sandy soil about four feet deep. The area is roped off and under police protection so that sightseers will not trample the soil and obliterate markings which may prove invaluable to archaeologists.

A picked crew of men will proceed with the work when excavations resume.